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TBD**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
AA	5,456,251	10-10-95	Fiddian-Green			
AB	5,464,450	11-07-04	Buscemi, et al.			
AC	5,569,184	10-29-96	Crocker, et al.			
AD	6,214,037	04-10-01-	Mitchell, et al.			
AE	6,371,979	04-16-02	Beyar, et al.			
AF	6,709,465	03-23-04	Mitchell, et al.			
AG	US2003/0040754-A1	02-27-03	Mitchell, et al.			
AH	US/2005/0060023-A1	03-17-05	Mitchell, et al.			
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OTHER DOCUMENTS*(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages Etc.)*

AQ	International Search Report dated November 1, 2004 which issued for PCT/US03/32162		
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference FIW-002.25	FOR FURTHER ACTION	see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/US03/32162	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 08 October 2003 (08.10.2003)	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 09 October 2002 (09.10.2002)
Applicant FOSSA MEDICAL, INC.		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

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1. Basis of the Report
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NEW ABSTRACT

Embodiments of medical devices (200) are described, such as stents, for dilating passageways. A medical device (200) can include a flexible body (201), having a proximal end (205), a distal end (207), and a longitudinal axis (209). The flexible body (201) can further include a flexible elongate member (212) that is defined by a longitudinally extending aperture (210) in the body (201). The member (212) can be radially expandable with respect to the longitudinal axis (209). The device (200) can also define an eccentric lumen (204), with at least a portion of the eccentric lumen (204) being offset from the longitudinal axis (209).

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : A61F 2/06
US CL : 623/1.11-1.22, 1.27, 1.3, 1.34, 1.38, 1.42, 1.49

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6,371,979 B1 (Beyar et al.) 16 April 2002 (16.04.2002), Abstract, column 5, lines 58-67, column 4, lines 30-64; figures 1-9 and 17-19.	1-3, 5-15, 19, 23, 25-27, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 39 and 41 ----- 20, 24 and 33

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Y	US 5,464,450 A (Buscemi et al.) 07 November 1995 (07.11.2004), Abstract, column 2, lines 1-10.	20, 24 and 33
A	US 5,569,184 A (Crocker et al.) 29 October 1996 (29.10.1996), figures 1-16.	1-41
A	US 5,456,251 A (Fiddian-Green) 10 October 1995 (10.10.1995), figures 1-12.	1-41

<input type="checkbox"/>	Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.	<input type="checkbox"/>	See patent family annex.
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